

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Takeo TANAAMI et al.**

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For: **HYBRIDIZATION METHOD AND HYBRIDIZATION EQUIPMENT**

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Customer Number: **38834**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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December 9, 2003

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.